



San Bernardino County
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**Fire Hazard Abatement Process Summary for all areas
(Valley, Mountain and Desert)**

- Initial Survey Conducted. Each parcel in contract cities and the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County are surveyed.
- A Notice and Order to Abate is issued to properties with fire hazards. There is a 10 or 30 day time frame to comply.
- A property owner can appeal this Notice and Order to Abate within the 10 or 30 day compliance time frame. There is a \$125.00 filing fee which is refunded only if the appellant is successful.
- A 2nd Survey is conducted after the Notice compliance due date.
- Properties that have completed more than 51% of abatement may qualify for a ten day extension. The property owner must request the extension. An additional inspection at a cost of \$123.00 will determine whether the extension can be approved.
- After the 2nd survey non-compliant properties are issued an Administrative Citation (\$100.00 per violation). The Administrative Citation is mailed to the property owner prior to any other bills or invoices. The citation may be appealed up to 20 days after citation issuance.
- Non-compliant properties are also charged a \$123.00 inspection fee. The property owner will be billed.
- An abatement warrant must be obtained if abatement is required on properties with structures. The administrative cost for warrant procurement and service is \$126.00. The property owner will be billed.
- A work order is assigned to the County approved contractor to abate the fire hazards on non-compliant properties. The contractor completes the abatement and the property owner is billed for the work.

- An abatement invoice is generated and sent to the property owner of the non-compliant property for all or some of these aforementioned costs including: inspection fee \$123, warrant fee \$126 and County contractor abatement cost.
- A property owner may appeal the invoice up to 60 days from the billing date. There is a \$125.00 filing fee which is refunded only if the appellant is successful in having all invoiced fees removed.